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MISS BOYD WINS GOLD MEDAL

The Gregg Publishing Co. Awards Highest Honor Given to Iowa Teachers to a Loyal Supporter of Ames High.

Putting it in every High School language, Miss Ida Boyd of the Commercial Department was selected as the best shorthand coach in Iowa or her shorthand class won the state championship. A. H. S. is indeed to be congratulated on having and being able to hold Miss Boyd, and Ames High students are to be congratulated on the opportunity they are offered in studying under such a teacher.

The Gregg Publishing Company is a company established to further the teaching of Gregg Shorthand, a system which has won national honors many times for the efficiency of its writers. Each year the company offers a medal to the teacher who submits the best set of examination papers in each state. The examinations cover the first year work and are far from being "soft snaps". In order to qualify, over ninety per cent of the students must send in a complete set of papers. Only two students did not send in papers last year, one having a sprained finger, the other dropping out of school. The papers must receive ninety-five per cent in theory, and penmanship, that is, they must have ninety-five words out of every hundred written according to all the rules and also perfectly formed. And they must be written in a certain time limit, a limit that is set with the idea of making the pupil know without having to think. So Miss Boyd, just as any other coach, was judged by results, and was found to be the best. This contest is open to Commercial colleges as well as to High Schools.

Miss Boyd is starting in on her eleventh year as a teacher and supporter of Ames High. Six years ago when the Commercial Department was established, she also established herself there. Mr. Hicks says she was a very strong teacher before, and that she is constantly gaining ground. Many teachers over the state do not make the attempt Miss Boyd has in submitting a set of papers, but her middle name is Boost. Last year Miss Boyd was notified

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ATHLETICS

The football season has started off in fine shape with only two exceptions. These are: the Juniors have shown a tendency to be slackers, and the Preps, who have not got over their Preps' ideas yet, have not turned out the way they should.

Some very good material has been developed and there is a mighty good chance for a lively season, though we are not in the Inter-scholastic schedule. Harry Williams, a junior, suffered a badly sprained ankle in Wednesday night's practice.

The Sophomore and Senior teams have been organized and have had one night of running signals. The Sophomores have Scovel who is playing full back this year; Bennett, who is piloting the team; Moreland playing tackle and Thornburg of this year's regulars playing center.

The rookies are showing up in very good shape. Joe Marconis and Ralph Mayo are playing guards; Corneliussen, tackle; Oliver and Stewart held down the wing positions, while Elliot and Gray are halves. The line-up will probably be changed somewhat as other fellows turn out.

The Seniors have had their eleven men out every night. The line-up that was organized Thursday night was: L. Johnson, center; Winters and Sherman, guards; Sogard and Goode, who played on regulars last year, tackles; Beach and Belknap, ends; Noble and Watkins, halves and Innes, fullback. Tom Musson, John Saffley and Earl Johnson, who were not out for Thursday night's practice but who are coming out Monday, will make a change in the line-up.

The Tennis Tournament has now been scheduled. Those who have been eliminated in the Sophomores' division are: Bennett by Thornburg (7-5) and (6-3); Durell by Scovel (6-1), (6-2). In Senior division: Watkins by Aplan, (6-2), (6-0), and Noble by Beach, (6-1), (6-4). Juniors and Freshmen had not played off any of the games when the Spirit went into print.

The Dodds family were discussing cars when Pricilla suddenly exclaimed:

"Oh, I want a Sedan!" (See Don) Kermit, "Go and see him if you wish."

HEAR MAYSER AT HI Y.

Football Fellows Seep that All the Boys Are Out.

Coach Charles Mayser, honored by all college men because of his fighting teams, will speak at Hi Y tonight at 7:20. He will talk about clean athletics and the Y. M. C. A. Ames High should not miss this talk as he is the most successful football coach Iowa State has ever had. A record crowd greeted him last fall when he talked to the college Y, and no boy can afford to miss this short, direct talk.

Attention, Hustlers!

One of the best things in connection with The Spirit is to be a contest in the English department. We can all write something and perhaps just a few of our best sentences slung together and handed in may "get by." Thackeray with his "Vanity Fair" slipped something over on the thirteenth set of judges and maybe we can do the same.

The contest in the first issue will be for the whole school, not necessarily for those who are taking English. The freshmen with their recent study stand a very good showing. We know the freshmen can write excellent stories, for we were all "preps" once. The sophomores, juniors and seniors are all equally competent.

So get busy right now and see if you can't be the one to write the best story in Ames High and win that prize.

There are no rules governing the stories except that they be handed to Romana Reins before October 12. The prize will be a pennant which any one could be proud of, with the legend A. H. S. Best War Story. Besides this the winner will receive much honor and extra English credit. Let's all burn the midnight oil.

Junior Class Meeting.

The junior class held its second meeting in Study hall September 19. An election took place with the following results:

Monitors—Miss Thornburg and Miss Miller.

Assistant Business Manager—Robert Potter.

Class Reporter—Lydia Tilden.

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Why is it that those who have been in other schools say that ours is the dearest? Why is it that the business manager goes nearly crazy before he can sell 200 copies among our 360 students? Why has the junior class only two boys out of fifteen out for football? Why did the boys' chorus have to be dropped? Did enough girls and boys sign up for tennis to suit you? Why do so few boys turn out to Hi Y when the ones who come have the time of their life? Why does a lot of somebodies crabb everything somebody else does? Why isn't there more pep for the things like debating, declamation, live organizations along the lines of literary societies, dramatic, Y. W. and Y. M., athletics, which represent the High School all over the state? Why do all the teachers say, "I never saw a school with so little class pep? Are the preps going to have the livest class this year or are shops going to keep the boquets Mr. Steffey and Miss Turner have been throwing at them?

Are the juniors going to be represented at all in athletics, or the seniors going to sweep in all prizes and hold to their boast of being the livest of all classes?

Shall we make it more personal and ask if you are doing your bit? Are you pushing everything, one thing or nothing? Aren't you just as responsible for the pep of your class as your president, for victory in athletics as your captain, for the success of The Spirit as the business manager or the editor? Are you a booster? If not, why not? If so, where are you hiding? Why did we write this squib? Do you feel the spirit moving you to act? Are we going to make this the livest year old

A. H. S. has ever seen? Are you going to be the booster with no tosof, or who is? Will you say "I'll do my bit!" Will you? Are you? Shall we?

Special War Edition Next Issue.

The next issue of The Spirit will be in the magazine form, which was used last year. The feature of the issue will be letters from our soldiers who represent our chief interest in the war. Some of the boys are too bashful to write about themselves, but we hope they will write about the other Ames boys who are with them. Just as many letters as can be found will be published and The Spirit would appreciate extracts from personal letters to help out. A complete list of the soldiers with their addresses will appear.

This edition is put out principally with the idea of giving all pupils a chance to get something printed. The English teachers will give special credit for all writing accepted. There will be a student opinion column that should be well filled. Put your dreams, ideas, funny stories and thoughts on paper and send them in. All submissions should be handed to Miss Mills, the editor, or stuffed in The Spirit box. Get busy.

Notice to Our Soldiers.

We would like to have you fellows write us and tell us of your camp life and good times. We have already received a few letters and want to print one in each issue. If you know of any Ames boys that are not receiving The Spirit please let us know and kindly keep us informed as to your change in addresses, so as to have no delay in sending each copy. Address letters to Thomas Musson, Corresponding Editor.

Freshman Class Meeting.

The "preps" held their first class meeting in Study hall Thursday, September 27, at 3:30. Mr. Steffey acted as chairman and gave a short talk about class organization and affairs. The following officers were elected:

President—Ralph Daulby.

Vice President—Marjorie Beam.

Sec.-Treas.—Gwen Edwards.

Reporter—Marie Rayness.

Monitors—Miss Barnes and Miss Curtiss.

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News Items.

Miss Coskery, Miss Sprague and Miss Fickle sent the week-end in Des Moines.

Frank Warren re-entered school this week after a two weeks' absence. He was injured by a pony falling on him.

Miss Williams spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Cedar Rapids.

"Saratoga" and her "A-Moo" Coffey were guests at The Spirit staff meeting last Friday.

Miss Stewart spent the week-end at her home in Jefferson.

A four-piece orchestra, Fern Grover, piano; Florence Godard, 'cello; Laura Woods, violin, and Raymond Burns, drum, gave us several selections at our last assembly, which were very much enjoyed.

Miss Freed of the city library gave us at our last assembly a very interesting talk on the use of the library.

If there are any girls in the Study hall seventh period who could spare the time twice a week your presence would be appreciated in the chorus.

Ada Meltzer received a very interesting and mysterious box from Honolulu, but for detailed information concerning the contents you must go to headquarters.

Bill Nelson of Ames High, who has enlisted in the cavalry, was in Ames Sunday.

Rozella and Theresa visited Camp Dodge Saturday.

Ted Jones is back in school.

Helen McDowell is back after traveling in the west.

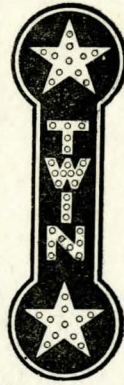
Rozella Carberry took a party of folks to Boone in her Hupmobile.

Miss Curtiss was a week-end visitor in Newton, Ia., returning Sunday evening.

The teachers of A. H. S. were doing their bit for their country Saturday evening, September 22, when they served at the dinner given in the Methodist church parlors for the 375 men of the U. S. A. draftee army, who passed through Ames.

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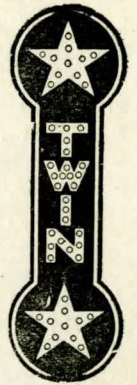


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that she would receive the medal, but it was finally awarded to Boone. However, it was no small honor to be among the three schools of the state who could qualify for the medal and her class was awarded a banner for this. She has also achieved fame as a teacher of typewriting, as two of her girls won gold medals last year for excelling in that line. The girls were Catherine Dodds and Vera Crosby.

This year fifty are classified in shorthand and typewriting as compared to the present advanced class of twenty-three. Mr. Hicks says that nowhere else is there such a spirit of concentration and intense application as in these courses, and Miss Boyd's pet remark is that a half a minute wasted by one, for the whole class means ten minutes. Let us hope that Ames can again have the honor of winning the state championship, and let's give three cheers for Miss Boyd.

Miss Mills: "We'll have a 'long' lesson tomorrow."
(And we did.)

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President Earl Johnson
 Vice President Nevin Innes
 Sec.-Treas. Harold Kooser
 Monitors..Misses Mills, Coffee

Sophomore Class Meeting.

A meeting of the sophomore class was held in the Auditorium Thursday, September 20, at 3:30. An election of officers took place with the following results:

President—Roy Benett.
 Vice President—Homer Tostlebe.
 Sec.-Treas.—Leslie Grey.
 Reporter—Marion Smith.

Junior Picnic.

The junior class met at the High school last Friday at 4 o'clock. About twelve cars conveyed the party to the picnic ground at swinging bridge, east of Ames, where a large fire was built, wienies roasted and marshmallows toasted. Miss Miller and Miss Thornburg chaperoned the party. No doubt you heard the boys were boasting Monday about how many girls they had taken home.

A rest room should be provided for the new students. One especially for Dietz Nelson.

Hi Y Doings.

The meeting of September 19th was an election meeting, the following officers being elected.

President Eugene Watkins
 Vice President Walton Goode

These offices were left vacant at the beginning of the school year because of Soper and Crabbs answering the call of their country. A mighty fine talk was given by Helsey on "The Prison Camps of Europe." A fund called the "Million Packet Fund" is being raised all over the United States for the benefit of the camps. A sum of \$180 was pledged by the local "Hi Y" for this fund. We want every fellow of the high school to do his bit.

The meeting of September 28 was the best meeting so far this year. A good talk by Superintendent Hicks was enjoyed. Another proposition was put up to the boys and that was to pay postage for "The Spirit," which is being sent to the High School boys in the army. So you can see the Hi Y is an organization worthwhile.

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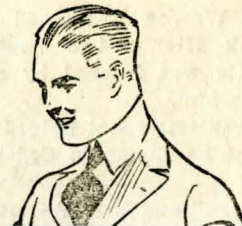
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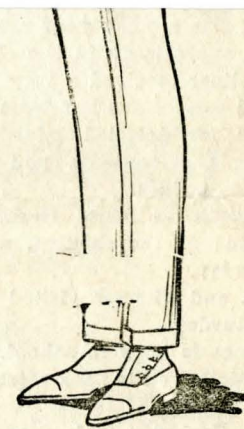
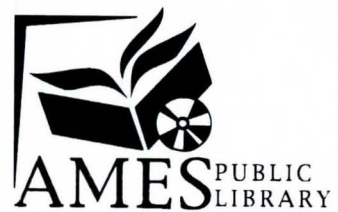
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